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The finding must preclude all possible Chapter 31 services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3106, 3107)

(c) Termination of ineligible status. The assignment of the veteran's case to ineligible status should be terminated if the veteran thereafter becomes eligible to receive any Chapter 31 service. Placement of the case in ineligible status is a bar to reconsideration of eligibility unless a material change in circumstances occurs.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3106)

§21.188 "Extended evaluation" status.

- (a) *Purpose.* The purposes of *extended evaluation* status are to:
- (1) Identify a veteran for whom a period of *extended evaluation* is needed; and
- (2) Assure that necessary services are provided by VA during the extended evaluation.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3106)

(b) Assignment to extended evaluation status. A veteran's case may be assigned or reassigned to extended evaluation status under provisions of §21.57, §21.74, §21.86, §21.94, §21.96, or §21.98.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3107)

- (c) Continuation in extended evaluation status. A veteran's case will be in extended evaluation status during periods in which:
- (1) The veteran is pending induction into the facility at which rehabilitation services will be provided;
- (2) The veteran is receiving rehabilitation services prescribed in the IEEP (§21.86); or
- (3) The veteran is on authorized leave of absence during an extended evaluation

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3108)

- (d) *Termination of extended evaluation status.* A veteran in *extended evaluation* status will remain in that status until one of the following events occur:
- (1) Following notification of necessary arrangements to begin an extended evaluation, the date the extended evaluation begins, and instructions as to the next steps to be taken, the veteran:

- (i) Fails to report and does not respond to followup contact by the case manager;
- (ii) Declines or refuses to enter the program; or
- (iii) Defers induction for a period exceeding 30 days beyond the scheduled date of induction, except where the deferment is due to illness or other sufficient reason:
- (2) VA determines the reasonable feasibility of a vocational goal for the veteran before completion of all of the planned evaluation because the decision does not require the further evaluation;
- (3) The veteran completes the extended evaluation:
- (4) Either the veteran or VA interrupts the extended evaluation;
- (5) Either the veteran or VA discontinues the extended evaluation; or
- (6) Service-connection for the veteran's service-connected disability is severed by VA or his or her continued eligibility otherwise ceases.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3106)

CROSS-REFERENCES: See §§21.57 Extended evaluation, 21.322 Commencing dates, 21.324 Reduction or termination.

§21.190 "Rehabilitation to the point of employability" status.

- (a) *Purpose.* The *rehabilitation to the point of employability* status serves to:
- (1) Identify veterans who receive training and rehabilitation services to enable them to attain a vocational goal; and
- (2) Assure that services specified in the veteran's IWRP are provided in a timely manner by VA.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3101)

(b) Assignment. A veteran's case may be assigned or reassigned to rehabilitation to the point of employability status under the provisions of §§ 21.84, 21.94, 21.96, or 21.98.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3107)

- (c) Continuation in rehabilitation to the point of employability status. A veteran will be assigned to rehabilitation to the point of employability status during periods in which:
- (1) The veteran has progressed through *applicant* status and *evaluation*